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TODAY

Calendar

Monster's Ball

Lady Gaga will be performing at the Frank Erwin Center at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$51.50-\$177.

Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays

Track and field teams will compete in the first day of the 84th Annual Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays at the Mike A. Myers Stadium.

Texas Men's Tennis

Longhorns play Baylor at the Penick-Allison Tennis Center at 6 p.m.

'Pauline and Paulette'

The Belgian comedy-drama directed by Lieven Debrauwer will be shown in the Mezes Basement Bo.306 at 6:30 p.m.

'Take Back the Night'

Voices Against Violence will hold a rally to speak out against sexual violence in the Main Mall at 6:30 p.m.

David Ramirez

Cactus Cafe presents David Ramirez for a free show at 8:30 p.m.

Today in history

In 1947

The first Tony Awards are presented for theatrical achievement.

Campus watch

Bump it

Main Mall, 200 Block West Inner Campus Drive

A UT student reported a black Fossil wallet containing personal identification, several credit cards and \$2.00 in cash was stolen. During the investigation, the officer learned the subject had been attending the Big Boi concert when he felt someone bump into him. At the time, the student did not realize his wallet has been lifted out of his pants pocket.



Quote to note

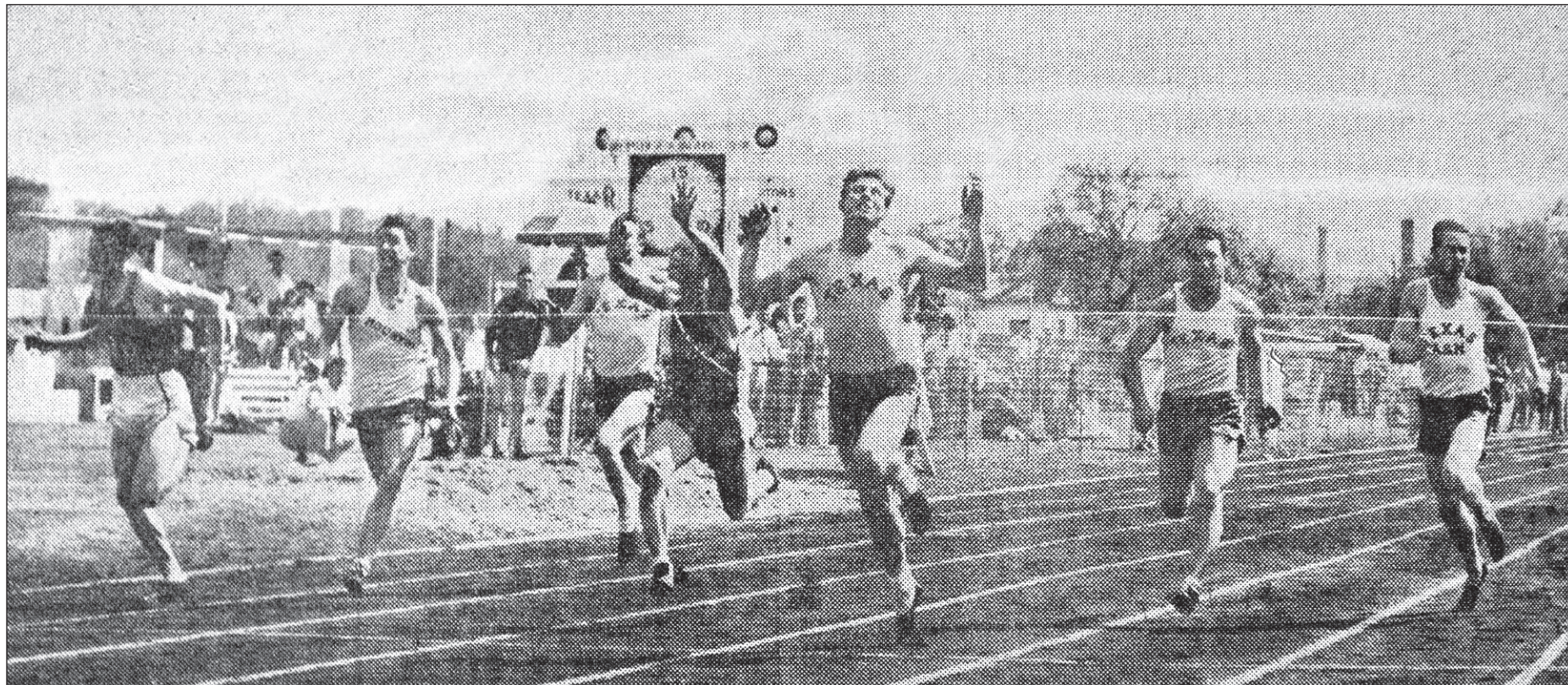
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— Terry Cole

Founder of Street Youth Ministry

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TEXAS RELAYS



Felder | Daily Texan Staff file photo

Texas' Charlie Parker stretches for the tape to finish first in the 100-yard dash to remain undefeated on the season during the 1947 Texas Relays. Today marks the beginning of the invitational's 84th year in Austin. Collegiate and high school athletes will compete in the events, as well as several professional athletes.

A race over the years

By Julie Thompson

The Texas Relays started as a small, regional competition for white males, but has grown into one of the nation's most important track-and-field meets.

Every April, the Texas Relays bring more than 3,000 athletes to Austin from high schools, universities and the professional ranks to compete at Mike A. Myers stadium on campus. It all begins today and continues through Saturday.

According to the visitors bureau website, the Texas Relays bring in 40,000 visitors every year and contributes an estimated \$8 million

annually to the local economy.

"It is an incredible legacy event and we are happy to have it here," said Beth Pratt, a spokeswoman for the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau. "The hotels plan for it, the city plans for it, and we are looking forward to welcoming visitors back."

Clyde Littlefield, a former UT basketball and football player and track star, created the event in 1925. Littlefield coached track at UT from 1920 to 1961 and won 25 Southwest Conference Championships during his 40-year career. He was also on the Texas Relays committee for 30 years.

Two years ago, the African-American community criticized the city's response to the relays, including closing parts of Interstate Highway 35. The city also did not provide extra police officers during the relays, which prompted store owners in Highland Mall to close early that weekend.

Jerome Williams, a former UT advertising professor, said the small number of African-Americans in Austin makes the influx of black visitors appear larger. Blacks make up 8.1 percent of the city's population, according to the most recent census data.

In the 1960s, Williams, who now teaches at Rutgers University, competed in the Penn Relays, a similar event in Pennsylvania.

"I don't know if the city has embraced the Texas Relays like Philadelphia has the Penn Relays," Williams said. "I think what happened in Austin wouldn't have happened in Philadelphia because the community and university worked together to embrace the event and make it an opportunity to bring in people from many different areas and make them a part of this atmosphere. I never got that feeling with Austin."

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Ryan Smith | Daily Texan Staff

Laura Ling gave a lecture Tuesday at the Union Ballroom about her journalism career and time spent in captivity in North Korea.

Journalist shares captivity experience

By Jody Marie Serrano
Daily Texan Staff

Journalist Laura Ling has spent her career serving as a window for readers into dangerous situations, including government oppression in Myanmar and the inner workings of Mexico's drug war. On March 17, 2009, Ling became the story when North Korean military officers detained her on the job.

Ling and Current TV colleague Euna Lee traveled to China in 2009

to shoot a documentary on North Korean defectors — people who flee the secluded Asian country to seek a better life in China. During their time along the Chinese-North Korean border, the pair's guide beckoned them to cross to the North Korean side for some footage, and they followed.

"We were standing on the frozen ice, it wasn't our plan to cross into North Korea," said Ling, who shared her story at the Texas Union on Tuesday. "It was about halfway

across the ice that North Korean soldiers came at us with guns and started running."

Ling said the soldiers beat her and dragged her across the soil. Ling saw the soldier raise his rifle to strike and thought it was the end of her life. She blacked out and when she woke up, she was in custody. Ling spent 140 days in captivity in North Korea and was released after former President Bill Clinton nego-

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Latest liberal arts budget leaves centers without aid

By Matthew Stottlemire
Daily Texan Staff

After student protests and months of examining and adjusting recommended cuts, three more Special Academic Centers will no longer receive funding from the College of Liberal Arts, Dean Randy Diehl announced Tuesday.

Diehl made changes to and finalized the cuts the college's nine-faculty-member Academic and Planning Advisory Committee recommended last fall. No centers will be eliminated, but three of the 19 will

no longer receive money from the college's budget.

The Center for Russian, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies, the Center for East Asian Studies and the Humanities Institute received 100-percent cuts and will have to rely on outside sources of funding — primarily from specialized research grants and philanthropy, Diehl said. Three of the 19 centers are already completely self-funded.

He said he let the committee

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First-year students, transfers may get more time to Q-drop

By Ahsika Sanders
Daily Texan Staff

First-year students may gain peace of mind with the option to drop a course after the last class day if the administration accepts a Senate of College Councils resolution.

The University Academic Policies and Procedures' current policy only allows a student to drop courses after the mid-semester mark for non-academic circumstances, such as severe illness or mental stress following a family member's death. The new resolution will permit first-year

students, including transfer students, to drop a course up until the final exam.

Senate of College Councils president-elect Carisa Nietzsche said Faculty Council is currently discussing the resolution and will have to approve it before it is implemented.

"It could potentially mean that a student could drop a course after a class has already ended, as long as they haven't completed the coursework," Nietzsche said.

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TODAY'S TIP: Recycling at Home

If you live in Austin, recycling at home is easy! If you live in a house, be sure you have a single-stream blue cart. Many apartment complexes in the City are also required to provide recycling. For more on apartment recycling, visit www.austinrecycles.com (and check out the City's Zero Waste Plan too!)

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Southwest Airlines may not be at fault for airplane rupture

By David Koenig
The Associated Press

DALLAS — A senior Boeing engineer said the company was surprised by Friday’s rupture of the roof of a Southwest Airlines Co. jet because Boeing didn’t expect cracking in the aluminum skin of such planes for many more years.

Paul Richter said Tuesday that metal fatigue that led to the hole in the plane’s roof had nothing to do with Southwest’s heavy use of its planes.

Southwest planes make frequent short and medium-length hops. They spend an average of 11.7 hours a day in the air — a full hour more than the airline industry average, according to government figures.

That pattern of use prompted speculation that Southwest’s operations had something to do with tiny cracks forming in the aluminum skin of older planes, resulting in the 5-foot tear in the roof of a Southwest plane as it cruised 34,000 feet above Arizona on Friday.

A similar incident happened to a Southwest jet in 2009, and five of Southwest’s other Boeing 737-300 aircraft were found to have tiny cracks after they were grounded this weekend for emergency inspections.

Richter, Boeing’s chief project engineer for models that are no longer in production, told reporters that Southwest was not at fault.

“I think it’s just a statistical event ... far more than it has anything to do with Southwest and how they

operate the airplane,” Richter said.

Federal officials ordered emergency inspections of about 175 older Boeing 737s, including 80 in the U.S. — 78 belonging to Southwest and two at Alaska Airlines. Southwest said it had already complied with the order by grounding and inspecting the planes after Friday’s incident.

Separately, Boeing said it will tell Southwest and other airlines that own about 560 of the older planes to conduct electromagnetic inspections of a 50-foot section of roof panels and rivets called the lap joint once the jets make 30,000 flights, and then every 500 flights after that — an unusually aggressive inspection schedule.

Metal fatigue has been an issue in aviation since at least 1988, when an 18-foot section of an Aloha Airlines jet peeled back in flight and a flight attendant was killed. Airline construction was changed, with steps taken to prevent small holes from becoming big ones.

Boeing redesigned the lap joint on 737s in the early 1990s and thought airlines wouldn’t need to inspect them closely until 60,000 flights. But the 15-year-old Southwest jet that ripped open on Friday had flown fewer than 40,000 flights.

As for the Southwest jets found to have cracks, Boeing said Southwest will have to replace an 18-inch section of overlapping aluminum panels that are riveted together.

Southwest said operations were returning to normal Tuesday after nearly 700 flights were canceled Saturday through Monday.



Yemeni Lens | Associated Press

An anti-government protester throws back a tear gas canister fired by Yemeni forces during clashes in Taiz, Yemen, on Tuesday. Military forces and police snipers opened fire on marchers calling for the ouster of Yemen’s embattled president, killing at least 15 people.

Yemeni protesters ask for international help

The Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen — Opposition parties in Yemen have urged the international community, regional powers and human rights groups to help stop the bloodshed in their country.

Yemen has seen weeks of turmoil as military and police forces crack down on protesters demanding President Ali Abdullah Saleh step down after 32 years in power.

More than 120 people have been killed and 5,000 injured since the protests started in Feb. 11, inspired by the uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt.

The Yemeni parties issued a statement late Monday saying Saleh, his

sons and relatives, as well as security and military apparatuses they control are carrying out planned attacks against peaceful demonstrations with the intent to kill.

Saleh has clung to power, saying Yemen will sink into chaos if he goes.

Military forces and police snipers opened fire Monday on marchers calling for the ouster of Yemen’s embattled president, killing at least 15 people and sending a strong message of defiance to U.S. and European envoys seeking to broker a peace deal after months of bloodshed.

The melee in the southern city of Taiz — part of an intensifying crackdown on the opposition — under-

scored the resolve of President Ali Abdullah Saleh to cling to power even as protest crowds resist withering attacks and crucial allies switch sides and call for his 32-year rule to end.

It also showed the challenges facing behind-the-scenes diplomatic efforts to quell the nearly two-month-old uprising in a nation Washington considers a frontline battleground against al-Qaida’s most active franchise.

“We will stand as firm as mountains,” Saleh told a gathering of pro-government tribesmen.

In Taiz, witnesses described troops and gunmen, some on rooftops, firing wildly on thousands of protesters who marched past the

governor’s headquarters in the city’s second straight day of violence. Some protesters — including elderly people — were trampled and injured as marchers tried to flee, witnesses said.

Saleh has been a key ally of the United States, which has given him millions in counterterrorism aid to fight al-Qaida’s branch in the country, which has plotted attacks on American targets. So far, Washington has not publicly demanded that he step down. But the diplomatic efforts are a clear sign that the Americans have decided the danger of turmoil and instability outweighs the potential risks if Saleh leaves.



Rebecca Blackwell | Associated Press

Soldiers loyal to Alassane Ouattara man a checkpoint at one of the principal entrances to Abidjan, Ivory Coast, on Tuesday.

Ivory Coast ruler expected to surrender

By Rukmini Callimachi
The Associated Press

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Ivory Coast’s entrenched strongman huddled in a bunker at his home and was exploring different options for his surrender, officials said Tuesday, as forces backing the country’s democratically elected leader seized the residence.

United Nations and French forces opened fire with attack helicopters on strongman Laurent Gbagbo’s arsenal Monday after four months of political deadlock since the presidential election. Columns of foot soldiers allied with internationally recognized winner Alassane Ouattara also finally pierced the city limits of Abidjan.

“We are in a situation where everything can, I hope, I think be resolved in a few hours time,” French Defense Minister Gerard Longuet said at a news conference Tuesday.

The international offensive that began Monday included air attacks on the presidential residence and three strategic military garrisons, marking an unprecedented escalation in the international community’s efforts to oust Gbagbo.

With the help of the international forces, pro-Ouattara fighters pushed their way to the heart of the city to

reach Gbagbo’s home.

Gbagbo was declared the loser of elections in November but refused to cede power to Ouattara even as the world’s largest cocoa producer teetered on the brink of all-out civil war.

“Gbagbo is exploring different options for turning himself in,” Ouattara spokesman Patrick Achi said Tuesday.

“He has absolutely not resigned and is currently being scandalously held against his will.”

— Lucie Bourthoumieux, Attorney

day. “He has been in touch with different leaders involved in this crisis.”

A senior diplomat who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter also said that Gbagbo’s closest adviser and


longtime friend had abandoned him, leaving the bunker to seek refuge inside the French ambassador’s home.

However, a Paris-based lawyer who has represented Gbagbo’s government said his foreign minister, Alcide Djedje, had gone to the French Embassy to protest Monday’s attacks by French and U.N. forces.

“He has absolutely not resigned and is currently being scandalously held against his will” in the embassy, attorney Lucie Bourthoumieux said in a statement.

Postelection violence has left hundreds dead in Ivory Coast — most of them Ouattara supporters — and has forced up to 1 million people to flee. Ouattara had used his considerable international clout to financially and diplomatically suffocate Gbagbo and pro-Ouattara forces before launching a dramatic military assault last week.

Following four months of attempts to negotiate Gbagbo’s departure, the U.N. Security Council unanimously passed an especially strong resolution giving the 12,000-strong peacekeeping operation the right “to use all necessary means to carry out its mandate to protect civilians under imminent threat of physical violence ... including to prevent the use of heavy weapons against the civilian population.”



Have a great green idea?

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The UT Austin Green Fee Committee is now accepting proposals for the 2011-12 academic year and beyond.

Be sure to download and read the guidelines as well as the application.

Students, faculty and staff may submit ideas! Workshops will be held on Friday, April 8 to assist applicants and answer common questions.

Applications and workshop schedule available at www.utexas.edu/sustainability/greenfee.php

For more information, email greenfee@austin.utexas.edu

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WHAT STARTS HERE CHANGES THE WORLD

OVERVIEW

A historically bad idea

Texans worried about the future of education in this state got a preview on the Texas House floor Friday night of what their sons and daughters may one day sound like.

During debate over House Bill 1, which outlines the state's biennial budget, Rep. Wayne Christian, R-Center, offered Amendment 144; in total there were 317 amendments offered during the process, which took two days to complete.

Christian offered an amendment that would require Texas colleges and universities receiving state funding to ensure at least 10 percent of courses offered "provide instruction in Western Civilization."

While presenting the amendment before the House, Christian expounded on his belief that "Western history" was not being sufficiently emphasized in current university curricula. "The development of democracy from Western Civilization is something we all share and enjoy in this room," Christian said.

Luckily for Texans, the amendment was eventually voted down, with Christian and 26 Republicans voting for, and the Legislature's other 75 Republicans and 49 Democrats voting against, abstaining or absent.

Currently, UT's core curriculum requires every student to take six hours of American history and six hours of American and Texas government courses. For Christian, these requirements are insufficient.

According to Christian, "Most of our children, when they're tested today, think that freedom was started at the times of the Civil Rights Movement in America. It didn't, it started back in Western Europe as we moved from there to this country."

Yes, that was exactly the problem. Western Europe had such an excess of freedom they had to export it to the New World.

Christian's proposal raises other troubling questions about from where the knowledge students are currently ingesting originated. What exactly qualifies as "Western Civilization?"

What about a math class that includes material from both the German Carl Friedrich Gauss and the Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan? Could students receive credit for a calculus course, since calculus was a European invention, if they promised not to use any of the principles they learned in algebra class, since algebra was developed in the Middle East?

Would a philosophy seminar covering Albert Camus be considered "instruction in Western Civilization?" Although the son of a French couple, Camus was born and raised in French Algeria. Is he European enough to qualify for the Western Civ requirement?

Would students studying classical piano be barred from playing Tchaikovsky? Perhaps a compromise could be reached whereby one hour of practicing "Hot Cross Buns" would allow for an equivalent time spent studying Russian composers.

Lastly, just what is this mythical "Western Civilization" that Christian is extolling? Does it include any of the assorted horrors and evils enacted by Western European nations or only the Magna Carta? Does it include the Holocaust? Or, more likely, does it represent a cherry-picked version of Western history meant only to build the reader's own self-esteem?

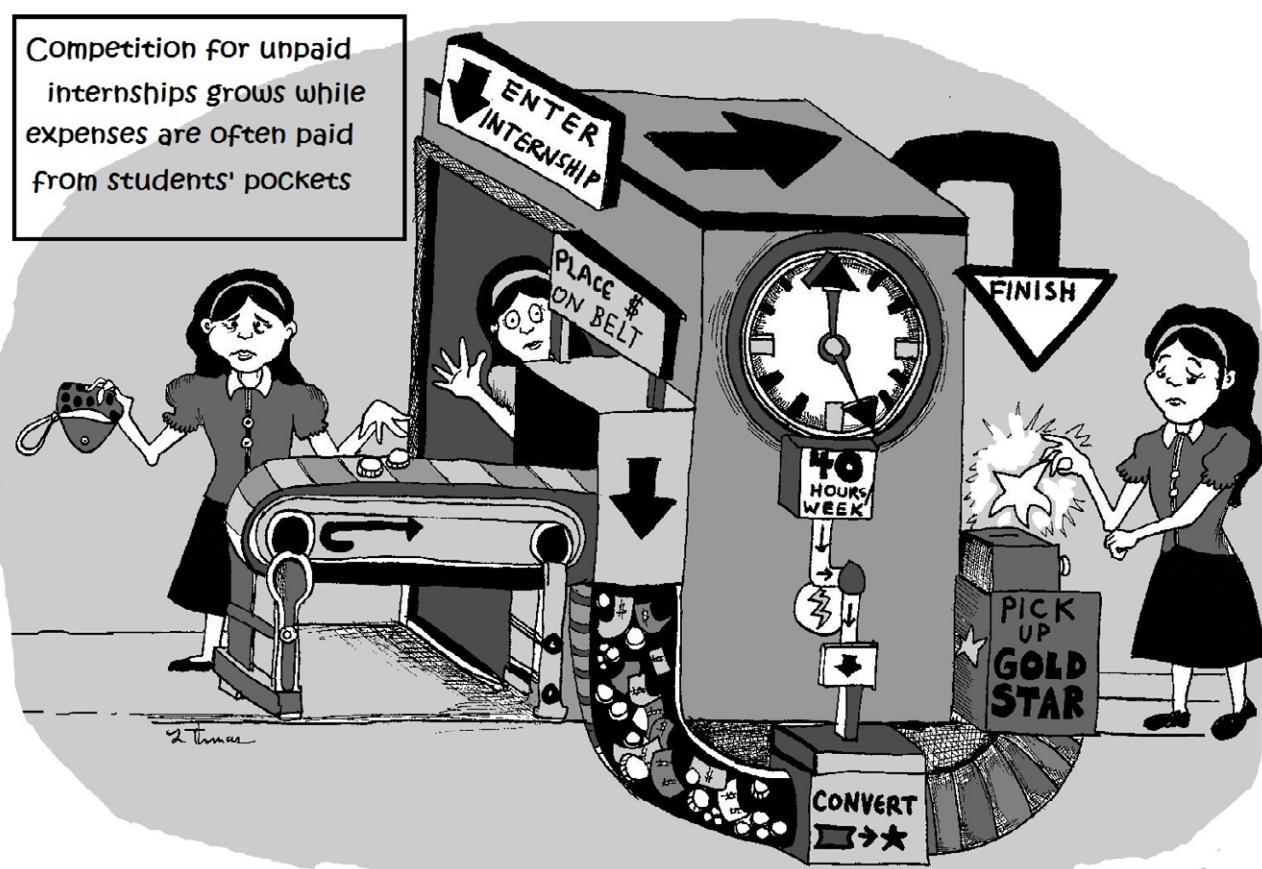
Invoking these historical events is not meant as a comparison of what areas of study are more worthy or have the most merit. Western civilization has produced many of this country's greatest features, but it is not an infallible history, nor does it encompass nearly enough of the world's knowledge to convey even a partial education. Promoting the teaching of Western civilization is not inherently racist, as some critics have alleged, but mandating the study of Western civilization at the expense of other areas, at a time when university budgets are being gutted, produces an inherent injustice. If Voltaire (a product of "Western Civilization") was alive to see last Friday's proceedings he might repeat, "History is a pack of lies we play on the dead."

Given the deprioritization of education that the current Legislature has pushed, Christian's Philistine version of world history may just become the law of the land. Christian was an adamant supporter of some of the most "conservative" candidates for the State Board of Education last year. Additionally, he's been named one of the 16 most conservative state legislators. However, there's nothing conservative or libertarian about telling top-level professors what subject matter they must teach or research. It speaks only to a heavy-handed ideology that places no value on freedom of thought or opinion.

If the current Legislature really needs another amendment, it's one stipulating that all representatives must spend at least 10 percent of their working hours researching a proposal before they waste the time of fellow lawmakers with asinine and meritless personal interjections.

— Dave Player for the editorial board.

GALLERY



Preventing a raid on student aid

By Rep. Lloyd Doggett
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

The UT student financial aid director recently told a reporter that he was ready to pull his hair out over the uncertainties of future student financial assistance. If the mindless slashing of both state and federal support is approved at the same time that devastating state cuts to our University encourage another tuition increase, we may all be bald. Sixty-six percent of the state financial aid dollars received by last year's freshman class and 31 percent received by undergraduates overall are at risk. UT students receiving financial aid have already been warned that their notification packages will be delayed by months in light of potential cuts to state and federal financial aid programs — while incoming freshmen were told that their packages would include no state aid.

If these dangerous cuts are adopted, within two years, the state's largest financial aid program will serve 69 percent fewer students. As a number of state university regents recently said in an op-ed, "This budget will push college beyond the reach of thousands of Texans who will comprise our future work force."

Of the \$1.25 billion that Texas cut from its current budget, more than \$600 million was drained from higher education. That's nearly half of all cuts made, while higher education's overall share of the state budget is only about 18 percent. Texas students did not cause our mismanaged State budget, but they are being asked to pay a big price for Gov. Rick Perry's mismanagement. It makes no sense when you consider that the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board estimates that for every dollar invested in public higher education, the state gets an eight-fold return.

Cutting the amount of students eligible for student financial aid by half, closing community colleges, eliminating funds that Texas devotes to training Teach For America recruits and cutting state support for university research that makes the next generation of American discoveries possible is not only shortsighted — it is dangerous to our economic well-being. We are in competition with the Germans, the Chinese and the rest of the world. How can we compete and have a qualified workforce with decade-old science textbooks, eliminating AP courses, closing neighborhood schools and laying off hundreds of school personnel? With increased global competition, we should be strengthening our commitment — from pre-K to post-grad — ensuring we have the world's most able workforce.

Much more than a Rainy Day, our schools are being overwhelmed by a devastating flood. There is no excuse for a state that ranks near the bottom on so many indices to do even less, nor is there an excuse for federal support to shrink. As leaders boast about Texas' economy, we should apply more fruits of that success to ensuring an educational system that will sustain it.

Unfortunately, House Republicans in Washington have followed a similar course — backing off their pledge to maintain support for Pell Grants on which 8,542 UT students depend to pay for their education, as reported by The Daily Texan. The Republican appropriations measure approved in the House over my staunch opposition included a multi-billion dollar cut to the Pell Grants, which will negatively impact nearly 1.5 million students across the country. The maximum grant, crucial in enabling so many Texans and to obtain a college degree without being saddled with years of burdensome debt

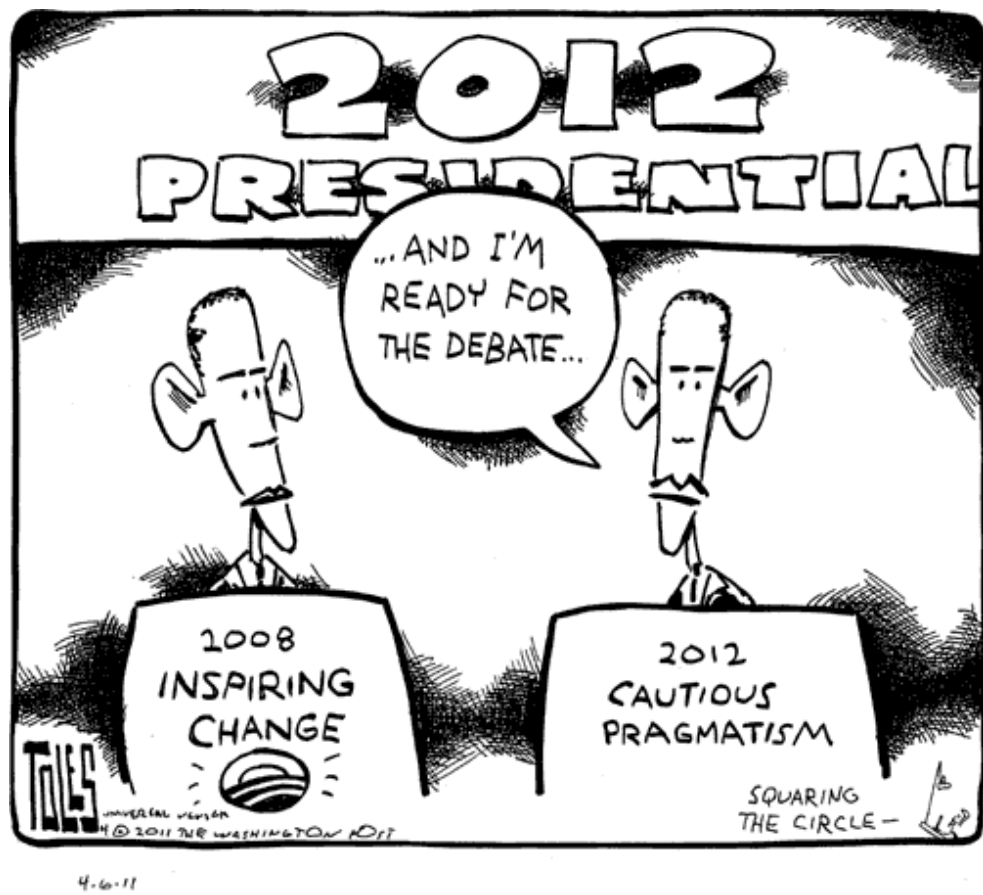
would drop by more than \$800. Tens of millions of dollars more were cut from other federal initiatives, including TRIO and GEAR UP, programs that help improve college access and graduation rates. House Republicans have also demanded massive cuts in science and math, disabled student, early education and other federal public education aid. This is not a path to success; it is a fast track to mediocrity.

As college costs rise, access to student aid becomes even more critical to a student's ability to pursue higher education. Though much work remains to be done to increase accessibility and affordability of higher education in our community, we had made strides in the right direction during the last two years. With my support, Congress simplified our nation's student loan system and made one of the largest investments in college aid in our history. With the economy still fragile, we cannot afford to decrease our investment in education.

In the State of the Union, the president called on Congress to make permanent the "More Education" tax cut that I authored to help those seeking higher education. Again this year with this tax cut, most UT students or their families are eligible for a credit of up to \$2,500 for what they have spent on tuition and instructional materials. I appreciated the president's call out regarding my work on this during his speech at Gregory Gym last August. Hopefully, Republicans will work with us to make this tax cut permanent. It is true that "What Starts Here Changes the World" and maintaining a strong investment in education ensures that our students can receive all the education for which they are willing to work.

Doggett is a U.S. Representative and a UT alumnus.

GALLERY



THE FIRING LINE

Textbook example

Although this perspective may be obvious to most, I have not seen it emphasized in the Texas news or punditry outlets: I would like to point out that the legislative assault on groups that tend to vote Democratic, or do not vote at all, continues unabated in this session. While the abortion and gun bills targeted mainly people under 25, the impending state budget will smack public workers, school teachers and poor folks in need of public assistance square in the head. Is this supposed to be "sharing the pain"?

Given the fact that Texas' regressive taxes (sales and property) have to be paid regardless of whether you

have income, this looks more like "terminate with extreme prejudice." Terminating teachers and other public workers will affect many Texans, but mostly children, who cannot vote anyway. The effects on education could be long-lasting as many young, laid-off teachers may not come back to the profession, once it has abandoned them. Although I am not a political scientist, this legislative session would seem to be a textbook example of what can happen when too much power is entrusted to only one political party. Isn't that what Mexico had for 70 years? That worked out well.

— David Herrin
Professor,
Molecular cell and developmental biology

LEGALESE

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Students go shoeless to spread awareness of poverty, diseases

By Yvonne Marquez
Daily Texan Staff

Barefoot, with their soles blackened by the pavement, students endured cracked sidewalks and hot asphalt Tuesday to raise awareness of global poverty.

About 30 students participated in the joint “One day without shoes” event co-hosted by TOMS shoes and ONE, an advocacy group that fights extreme poverty and preventable diseases. The students walked from the Drag to the Capitol.

The campaign defines extreme poverty as anyone living on less than \$1.25 a day, said Paulina Sosa, ONE’s Austin congressional district leader and a philosophy senior at UT. She said the organization fights different roots of poverty to create a sustainable way for communities and families to get on their own two feet.

“This is going to show that Austin cares about poverty not only on the local level, but the global level,” Sosa said. “It’s a symbolic way to speak out as a community and speak out to our elected officials.”

Sosa said people donated about

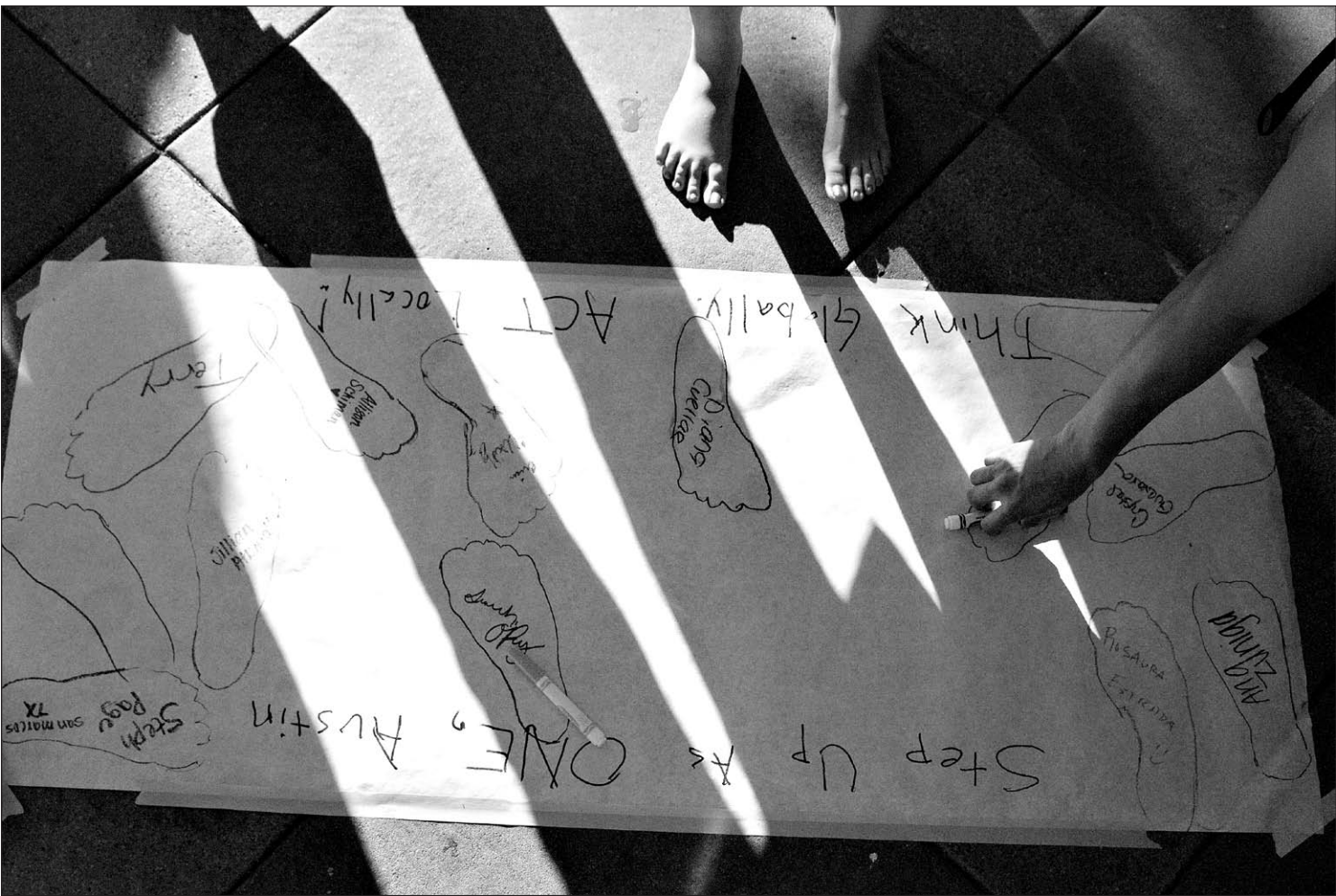
100 shoes to benefit four local charities: SafePlace, Street Youth Ministries, Saint Louise House and Mobile Loaves and Fishes.

Government junior Rosa Gutierrez said the founder of TOMS shoes, Blake Mycoskie, inspired her to organize a campaign on campus. She said the first time she heard about TOMS’ donation program — each time a person buys a pair of TOMS shoes, another pair is donated to a child — was when she heard Mycoskie speak on campus last year.

“The whole world is coming together today,” Gutierrez said. “There’s over 100,000 people around the nation who went barefoot to speak for the people who can’t speak for themselves.”

Sociology junior Crystal Guevara said her mother, a native of Guatemala, did not have shoes until she was 10 years old.

“I have a sense of personal responsibility to raise awareness where children don’t have the bare essentials in this world,” Guevara said. “I feel it’s important for university students to break out of their bubble and become aware of other problems in the



Shannon Kintner | Daily Texan Staff

Barefoot students and Austin residents trace their feet after marching to the Capitol as part of TOMS’ One Day Without Shoes. The day-long event encourages people to walk all day without shoes to show support of policies that would help fight poverty.

world, even the smallest ones.”

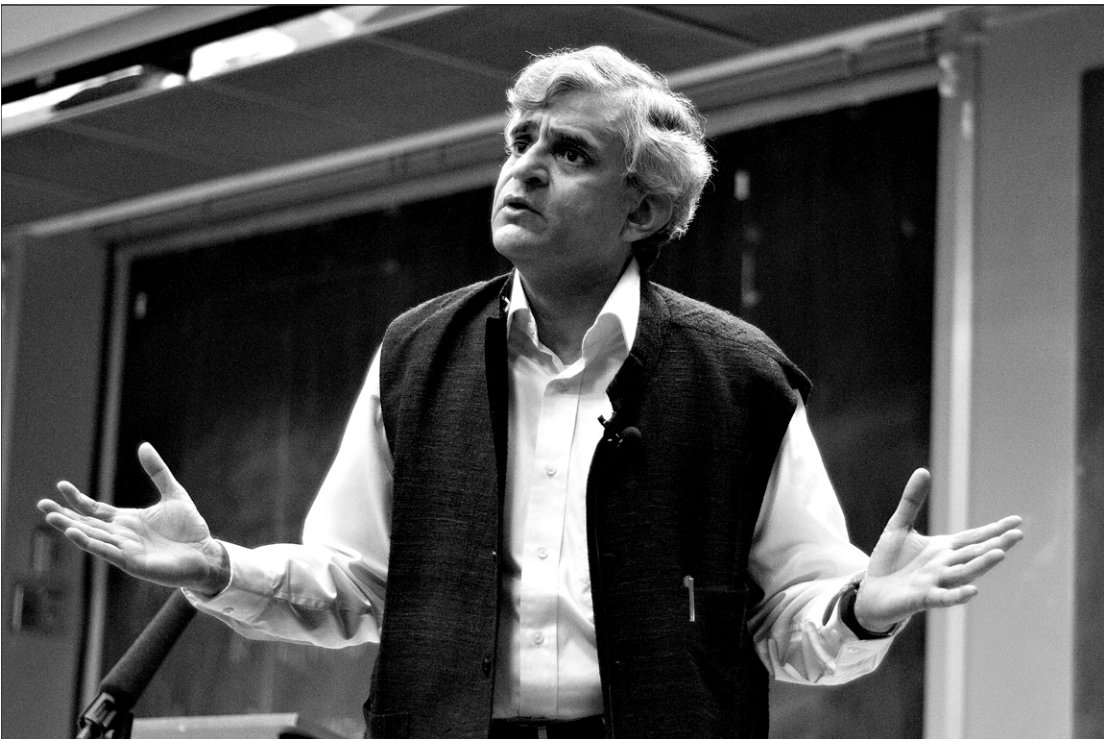
Terry Cole, the founder of Street Youth Ministry, a ministry for street-dependent 17- to 25-year-old transients, said every week there

are 100 new homeless youth living around the edge of UT. He said many of these street youths are invisible to UT students. He said he notices that first-time volunteers

with Street Youth Ministry begin to understand them better.

“It’s not ‘us’ and ‘them’ anymore,” Cole said. “It begins with getting people to think about what is the

compassionate response. We’re always going to have poverty, but we don’t have to have dumb poverty. We don’t need poverty [from things] that we can fix easily.”



Fanny Trang | Daily Texan Staff

Award-winning journalist Palagummi Sainath talked about the misrepresentation of the Indian economic crisis in the media at the FAC on Tuesday.

Journalist explains problems in India

By William James
Daily Texan Staff

In India, a farmer takes his own life every 33 minutes because of the rise of corporations and the systemic problems in the country’s agriculture, said journalist P. Sainath during a talk Tuesday.

Sainath, a rural journalist for an English-language newspaper called The Hindu in India, told a group of around 50 people about the failure of mass media to report and analyze economic inequality in India during a lecture at the Flawn Academic Center.

The Association for India’s Development Austin and Austin-based online magazine Nazar sponsored the event and opened the lecture with a presentation about their current agenda to spread adequate news across Texas. They also emphasized their support of a variety of social-development projects and campaigns that empower the

lives of poor and underprivileged people in India.

UT journalism professor Bob Jensen introduced P. Sainath, gave background on his award-winning career and shed light on his work of reporting the epidemic of farmers dying by suicide in India as a result of the collapse of the rural economy.

“Sainath has done groundbreaking work on the effect of the global economy on the lives of ordinary people rural India, and is one of the best journalists not only in India, but around the world,” Jensen said.

During his lecture, Sainath discussed the strong links that media and corporations have, using an example of General Electric’s failure to pay taxes last year and NBC’s failure to report on it.

“Mainstream media is a small part of much larger conglomerates of corporations, and the media has a structural compulsion to lie on particular issues,” Sain-

ath said. “They are too heavily invested in the market to ever tell the truth about it.”

He said in the U.S., family farms go bankrupt each week.

“Corporate farming, while it is huge, employs hardly anyone,” Sainath said. “There are 700,000 people employed in corporate agriculture. Even prisons hold three times as many people.”

Sainath said the Indian media need to rethink their priorities and raise issues that matter the most.

“Corporations run the world, they run the government and they run your life,” Sainath said.

Cell and molecular biology graduate student Sucheta Arora, a member of the development association, said Sainath’s lecture provided perspective she doesn’t hear in the mainstream media.

“Media needs to focus on things that actually matter and be free from corporate control,” Arora said.

Task force rounds up gang members

By Marty McAndrews
Daily Texan Staff

Defendants criminally charged in Operation “Gang Crusher” have previous arrests including the following offenses:

Offense	Counts
Murder	1
Aggravated Sexual Assault	1
Sexual Assault of Child	1
Injury of Disabled Person	1
Robbery	1
Aggravated Robbery	2
Aggravated Assault	2
Assault on Public Servant	2
Aggravated Assault on Public Servant	3
Assault	7
Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon	7
Dangerous Drugs	11
Assault Caused Bodily Injury	23
Possession of Controlled Substance	47
Manufacture/Deliver/Sell/Possess Controlled Substance	46
Possession of Controlled Substance	47

Source: Austin Police Department

Operation “Gang Crusher,” an initiative of the Austin Police Department, targeted 40 criminals affiliated with Austin area gangs last week.

Using a federal grant, APD formed a FBI task force in the summer of 2010 and used undercover narcotic purchases that led to 31 state charges and 11 federal charges, APD announced on March 31.

“All gangs present some kind of threat: Some are more into prostitution, some are more into drugs, but they’re all are interested in money,” said APD Lt. Norris McKenzie.

Police targeted suspects based on their gang affiliations and extensive violent criminal histories. The previous charges of the individuals captured include murder, aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault of a child, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, terroristic threat and deadly conduct, according to APD.

McKenzie said the initiative hopes to send a message to gangs and to cut down on gang violence and drug offenses. Police Chief Art Acevedo said he does not want Austin’s gang situation to turn into a serious threat similar to Los Angeles or Houston, McKenzie said.

Although Austin’s situation is far from a turf war, a permanent gang presence — including offshoots of the Bloods and Crips and members of Texas prison gangs — appeared in the 1980s because of crack cocaine and a growing Mexican drug market, McKenzie said.

“Austin is no different from the rest of the U.S.,” McKenzie said. “An increase in gang activity is hard to judge because the gangs always existed, yet nobody knows how many there really are until they’re prosecuted.”

Michelle Lyons, Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokeswoman, said there are 12 recognized

gangs or security threat groups within the Texas prison system. Operation “Gang Crusher” targeted the Aryan Brotherhood, the Bloods, the Crips, the Latin Kings and Tango Blast.

As of December 2010, confirmed membership to the 12 gangs totaled 9,900 inmates of a total inmate population of 156,000, or just over 6 percent. The racial breakdown of Texas prison gangs is 17 percent white, 36 percent black and 47 percent Hispanic, Lyons said.

“Some people buy into the idea that [gang membership] offers them protection, but what they don’t realize is that it paints an even bigger target on their back,” she said.

Furthermore, an additional 4,400 inmates are affiliated with cliques — unstructured groups formed along regional rather than racial lines, Lyons said.

Lyons said the department has seen the number of gang-affiliated inmates decline somewhat over the years because of its initiatives. These

include restricted housing and the Gang Renouncement and Disassociation Process, which helps former gang members sever ties with the groups.

APD Gang Suppression Unit Detective Zack Gorbet said kids get involved with gangs now for the same reasons they have in the past, including a need to belong and praise in place of punishment for bad behavior.

“It’s also now a status symbol. As a culture we’ve embraced the thug lifestyle,” Gorbet said.

Gorbet said juvenile gangs do not pose a calculated threat, whereas adult gang members are not just in it for the association and become career criminals, responsible for the most violent crimes and the most property crimes in Austin.

“Most [juvenile gang members] grow out of it within a few years, but some don’t and get used to the lifestyle,” he said. “Some already are used to it as second- or third-generation gang members.”

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The University of Pennsylvania, which has hosted the Penn Relays since 1895, has fostered a strong history of community involvement, Williams said.

Nelson Linder, president of the Austin NAACP chapter, said during the 20 years he has lived in Austin, the city’s approach to the Texas Relays has been tainted.

“I think most of the community of Austin embraces this event, I think people have enjoyed it,” he said. “From a cultural standpoint, because of the large number of African-Americans, there is a hostile environment. I think there is some hostility out there, but I think it is a small population.”

After 2009, the Austin City Council passed a resolution intended to reflect the community’s interest in diversity and equality. Since then,

Linder said the city’s attitude toward the event has improved.

“The biggest thing is the police department is involved and there has been better communication,”

not overreaction.”

UT women’s track and field head coach Beverly Kearney hosts the annual Minority Mentorship Symposium. She has brought high-profile

an all-day music festival at Auditorium Shores and the local NAACP chapter will be hosting a parade.

“It needs to be more of a cultural event, and it has been because you have other music and things going on,” Linder said. “One of the goals is to help people do other things then just go to the mall. We have people going different places now, seeing other parts of the city.”

For almost 40 years, all of the competitors at the Texas Relays were white males. Blacks could not compete in the events until 1962 and were first invited only if they attended all-black schools.

“I think the city, from a leadership standpoint, is committed to making sure there is proper support,” Linder said.

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I think most of the community of Austin embraces this event.

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— Nelson Linder, President of the Austin NAACP chapter

Linder said. “In 2009, there was a lack of communication and now it is clear that we want to provide security and handle it from a strategic standpoint. They understand what we want — accommodation and

African-American speakers to campus, including athletes such as Vince Young and Keyshawn Jackson and Morace Landy, executive vice president of Atlantic Records.

Additionally, Saturday there is

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TEXAS RELAYS

Excitement brewing as event gets under way

UT set to host sport's finest as track superstars journey to Austin for competition

By Chris Medina
Daily Texan Staff

The much-anticipated 84th Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays begin Wednesday and the exciting relationship between Austin and the Relays has people buzzing.

The Texas Relays, known for being the second-largest invitational in the nation, is held annually at Mike A. Myers Stadium on campus. With competitions for high school, college and professional athletes, the Texas Relays have been known to bring in crowds similar in size to those brought in by South By Southwest.

The Texas Relays are expected to bring more than 3,000 athletes and roughly 70,000 spectators to the city this week, according to the Texas athletics department.

"This is why people come to Texas," said Texas sprinter Marquise Goodwin. "Lots of people come out to support us. Lots of fans and your teammates out there, everybody is just so supportive. Fun times and great memories to remember."

Over the next four days, the University will host the passion- and fun-filled environment of the Texas Relays. Because the meet does not have a large impact on the overall team standings this season, the relaxation of the talented athletes is sure to feed into the crowd that makes it so special.

"It is a very intimate crowd," said



Bobby Longoria | Daily Texan file photo

Junior distance runner Julie Amthor sprints toward the finish line during a track meet for Texas at last year's Texas Relays. Competitors from around the country and world will descend on Austin today as the 84th Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays get underway at Mike A. Myers Stadium.

women's head coach Beverly Kearney. "[It's] a very knowledgeable crowd, it's people who have been here for generations throughout the Texas Relays. It adds historical presence and has a statement of who you

are and what you have done."

Every year, Texas Relays attracts professional athletes from all over the country. This year, Olympians and U.S. track stars Tyson Gay and Jeremy Wariner are set to

compete in the 4x400-meter relay race Saturday.

"My favorite part of the Texas Relays is watching the pros run," said senior high jumper Jamal Wilson. "They bring a lot of excitement to

the track meet, and I think that's the reason why a lot of people come because there are going to be a lot of special faces."

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BASEBALL

No. 8 TEXAS 8, TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI 1



George Tuley

Junior left-hander Sam Stafford pitches during the Longhorns' 8-1 victory over the Islanders on Tuesday in Corpus Christi. Stafford had 11 strikeouts and did not surrender a hit in seven innings on the mound.

Stafford holds Islanders' bats at bay

By Trey Scott
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns entered Corpus Christi with payback on their minds Tuesday.

They would end up getting that and then some.

Sam Stafford pitched seven innings of no-hit baseball and the No. 8 Longhorns' bats came

alive at Whataburger Field on Tuesday night, culminating in a 8-1 win over Texas A&M Corpus Christi (20-12).

Stafford (4-0) amassed 11 strikeouts, gave up four walks and didn't allow a base hit in 118 pitches. Brilliant throughout, he set the tone of the game for the Longhorns (22-7), who made it a point to jump on the Island-

ers early. Josh Urban came on in relief in the eighth, striking out two in two innings and giving up an unearned run.

Texas plated two runs in the first, another in the second and three in the third. With Mark Payton and Erich Weiss in scoring position, Tant Shepherd

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SOFTBALL

No. 21 TEXAS A&M at No. 5 TEXAS

Horns fired up to play rival Aggies

By Chris Hummer
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns are riding high on a 15-game winning streak, hitting an impressive .354 as a team, sporting a lockdown 1.15 team ERA, and playing some of the best softball in the country — moving all the way up to fifth in the polls this week. But when Texas A&M comes into town today, you can throw all of those

stats out the window.

This is a rivalry game above all the others for Texas sports, so it doesn't matter if you're talking about play on the diamond or the gridiron. Both teams come to play with an intensity that you can only see in a game when these two Texas powerhouses go head to head.

"It's intense, it's fun, there's a lot of energy flowing with in the crowd and everything is

just real exciting," said junior Nadia Taylor.

Not only is the rivalry spurred on because it's Texas versus A&M, but also because a lot of the players on both sides have played together through the years in high school, giving the game a more personal feel.

"I grew up with a lot of people that go to A&M so there's al-

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MEN'S GOLF

Longhorns hold on to defeat Raiders for first win of year

By Nick Cremona
Daily Texan Staff

Texas survived to claim the Morris Williams Intercollegiate title with an eight-over third round, edging Texas Tech by two strokes to finish at 40-over for the tournament. After two rounds of damp, windy conditions Monday, the near pristine weather Tuesday was a welcome reprieve for all in attendance at the University of Texas golf club located in the scenic Northwest Austin suburb of Steiner Ranch.

This marks the first team victory for the Longhorns since the 2010 Puerto Rico Classic.

"We've been waiting for this, so we're pretty happy about it," said head coach John Fields. "It's good to get that first one out of the way."

The victory didn't come without its share of drama, however. Texas saw an eight-stroke lead over Texas Tech slowly fade away as the final round drew to a close. The Red Raiders' starters had already finished, so all they could do was sit

and wait, hoping for a major meltdown from the Longhorns.

The Red Raiders had plenty to watch as Texas wound its way toward the 18th green.

Longhorn sophomore Johnathan Schnitzer bogeyed three out of the final four holes to finish at two-over for the day and 19-over for the event.

After Schnitzer came fellow sophomore Cody Gribble, who also bogeyed the 18th hole to finish the day at two-over, and 17-over for the tournament. The third Longhorn starter to finish was junior Dylan Frittelli. Frittelli carded five birdies in the final round but missed a par putt on 18 to drop yet another stroke to the Red Raiders. Frittelli, who finished tied for No. 16 overall, still put up the best final round for Texas at one-under.

With only two players left to finish, Texas' lead had shrunk to five strokes.

Senior Bobby Hudson got off to another slow start in his final

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Senior Bobby Hudson hits a shot during the Morris Williams Intercollegiate. The Longhorns held off a late charge from Texas Tech to take the title Tuesday.

Derek Stout
Daily Texan Staff

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LONGHORNS IN THE NBA

D.J. Augustin
22 points, 5 steals, 8 assists



Daniel Gibson
10 points, 4 rebounds, 5 assists



Maurice Evans
20 points, 3 rebounds, 1 block



Kevin Durant
31 points, 9 rebounds, 1 block



LaMarcus Aldridge
17 points, 12 rebounds, 4 assists



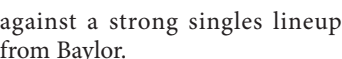
By Wes Maulsby
Daily Texan Staff

es before winning their last two against Oklahoma State and Rice.

The Bears have a top-10 duo that will try to match Texas' No. 3 tandem of senior Ed Corrie and junior Jean Andersen. Texas will have the advantage in doubles; along with Corrie and Andersen, Texas has two more teams ranked in the top 60, topping Baylor's two in the top 100. Texas has routinely won the doubles point this season, often getting the early lead in its matches.

Texas holds the advantage in doubles, but Baylor has the edge in singles. Senior John Peers leads the Bears with a No. 18 ranking. He leads three other Baylor players ranked in the top 100, topping Texas' three.

Singles has consistently been



the really young kids to some of the collegiate [athletes], maybe being a champion for the first or a personal best, it is a lifetime memory.”

The Texas Relays, the largest in the South, marks the real beginning of the outdoor season for some.

“I tell my team the Texas Relays is like the most amazing competition ever,” Kearney said. “It really sets the tone for the rest of your season. As they say, this is when the party gets started.”



RIVALS

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ways that rivalry, and just playing A&M, no matter what sport it is, there's always a rivalry. It's awesome every year," said junior Lexy Bennett.

The Longhorns are gunning for revenge in 2011, after losing last year on a late error that forced a season split, a trend the Longhorns do not want to see continued.

"We have to compete no matter what, all seven innings, and even sometimes we go into those eighth innings it's 0-0 going into the seventh like it was last year," Bennett said. "I think that's a bullet for us that we want to get them this year, and we want [to] sweep them this year, we don't want splitting, and I think that's been a goal for us."

When the teams take the field today at McCombs, it's sure to be a raucous crowd that adds a new level of intensity to what is an already incredible rivalry. One that has been about as even as can be up to this point, with the all-time record of the series being 18-17 for Texas A&M, a statistic the Longhorns are looking to swing back in their favor this year.

"A&M, facing them, the crowd is just ridiculous and is stronger than in any other game we face," said junior Courtney Craig said. "It's fun competition. We're always pumped up to see them, excited to play them, our history is back and forth. We always just want to take it to them each year."

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round but was able to finish without letting the lead get away. Hudson shot an eight-over third round and finished at 15-over. The final Longhorn to finish was sophomore Julio Vegas, who was at even-par in his final round until the 13th hole. It was then that Vegas bogeyed four of the last six holes, finishing the round at five-over. The Longhorns shaved three more strokes off their lead. Despite his final round, Vegas tied for third on the individual leaderboard at six-over.

When it was all said and done, the Longhorns were just relieved to get out of the final round alive.

Freshman Toni Hakula, who competed as an individual, fired another one-under in Tuesday's round, to go with the one-under he shot in the opening round. Hakula finished at seven-over and tied for seventh individually. TCU's Tom Hoge took top honors in the individual category, shooting a two-over for the tournament.

The Longhorns will hope to make winning a regular routine as they travel to College Station next to compete in the Aggie Invitational on April 16.

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Other athletes such as former Longhorn and current Kansas City Chiefs running back Jamaal Charles will also attend, along with vocal artists Eddie Levert, MC Light and Grammy-awards winner LeToya Luckett, according to Kearney.

Texas Relays have brought more than just athletes, artists and cultures from across the nation. They have also brought floods of competition, from high school to collegiate and professional athletes.

"The facilities here are tier one, basically," Wilson said. "When you come here, you expect the best. When you have the best facilities, you have to plan on bringing your best performance."

It's a unique blend matched by only one peer the annual Penn Relays held in Philadelphia.

"One of my favorite parts [of the Texas Relays] is the dreams I have watched come true," said Texas men's head coach Bubba Thornton. "From some of

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7:20 p.m.	5,000 Meters - University Men

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roped a double to right field to put the first two runs on the board for the Longhorns.

Senior Paul Montalbano did most of the work in the second, getting on base with a single to left, then stealing second and advancing to third on an error. Brandon Loy brought him home with an RBI single.

The deluge of scoring continued in the third frame, with Lucas Kephart, Shepherd and Kevin Lussion all scoring thanks to RBIs by Jacob Felts, Montalbano and Lussion.

The Longhorns would add a run each in the seventh and ninth innings. Their 15 hits in a game is their most on the season, just the kind of offensive performance they were looking for after a disappointing 8-7 loss to the Islanders early in the year in which the Texas offense struggled out of the gate.

The Longhorns only had one starter who


failed to register a hit — Felts, but he also had an RBI — and were paced by strong games by Montalban, Shepherd and Erich Weiss, who all went 3-for-5. Shepherd brought in three runs, and Weiss hit his team-leading fifth triple to lead off the seventh inning.

Even on an evening when the offense was as good as it has been all year, the story of the game has to be Stafford, who, in pitching the best game of his career, made sure the Longhorns took care of some unfinished business in Corpus.



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In 1999 the Texas Union Advisory Council created an endowed campus-wide student award to honor the career and achievements of the late Congressman J. J. “Jake” Pickle, BA ’38, and to motivate and inspire University of Texas students to follow his example of public service. The award is presented annually to an outstanding university student whose contributions to campus life exemplify the high standards of leadership and service that were the hallmarks of Congressman Pickle’s life and career.

The award is presented at the spring meeting of the University Unions Advisory Council. The recipient receives a \$4,000 cash award, a certificate, and an autographed copy of Congressman Pickle’s autobiography, *Jake*.

Muneezeh Kabir, the **2011 Pickle Award** recipient, is a Senior majoring in English and Women’s and Gender Studies. The award recognizes a student who exhibits exemplary leadership, citizenship and service to the campus - all qualities that are exemplified by Muneezeh. Muneezeh served as a leader in several organizations, including but not limited to: Student Government, where she served as vice president from 2010-2011 and women’s resource agency director from 2007-2009; Orange Jackets, where she was the Week of Women Chair; UT Center for Women’s & Gender Studies; and the UT Gender & Sexuality Center. While participating in these organizations, Muneezeh utilized her leadership skills and campus spirit to empower students to do good work both on campus and in their communities. She has fought tirelessly for student parents on campus, provided leadership for major projects such as Hook the Vote in 2010, and works continuously to create a positive environment on campus for student leaders to work together. Muneezeh truly embodies the spirit of The University of Texas at Austin through her exemplary leadership and citizenship.

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Muneezeh Kabir (left) accepted the Pickle Award from Student Affairs Vice President Juan C. González (right) at the April 1 luncheon of the University Unions Advisory Council.

THE UNIVERSITY UNIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL
congratulates
LAUREN HRADECKY BLITZER
2011 Recipient of the
PAL – MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARD



Jaspreet Singh Pal, BBA’95, created the **Pal - “Make A Difference” Endowment** in The Texas Union in 2006 to support the annual **Pal - Make A Difference Award**. The award encourages university leadership and public service by recognizing a student whose individual program or initiative has made a significant contribution to campus life or the broader community. The recipient receives a \$1,000 cash award and a certificate.

Lauren Blitzer, the **2011 Pal - Make A Difference Award** recipient, is the type of leader who instills confidence that the future is in capable hands. While studying to receive her MBA from the McCombs School of Business, Lauren served as president of the UT Graduate Net Impact Club. As part of this club, she looked for ways to create a positive impact on the greater Austin community while providing professional training opportunities for MBA students.

To serve this purpose she created the Board Fellows Program. As part of the program, students are given the opportunity to work closely with nonprofit leaders in the community and learn invaluable skills while serving the Austin community with their time and talents.

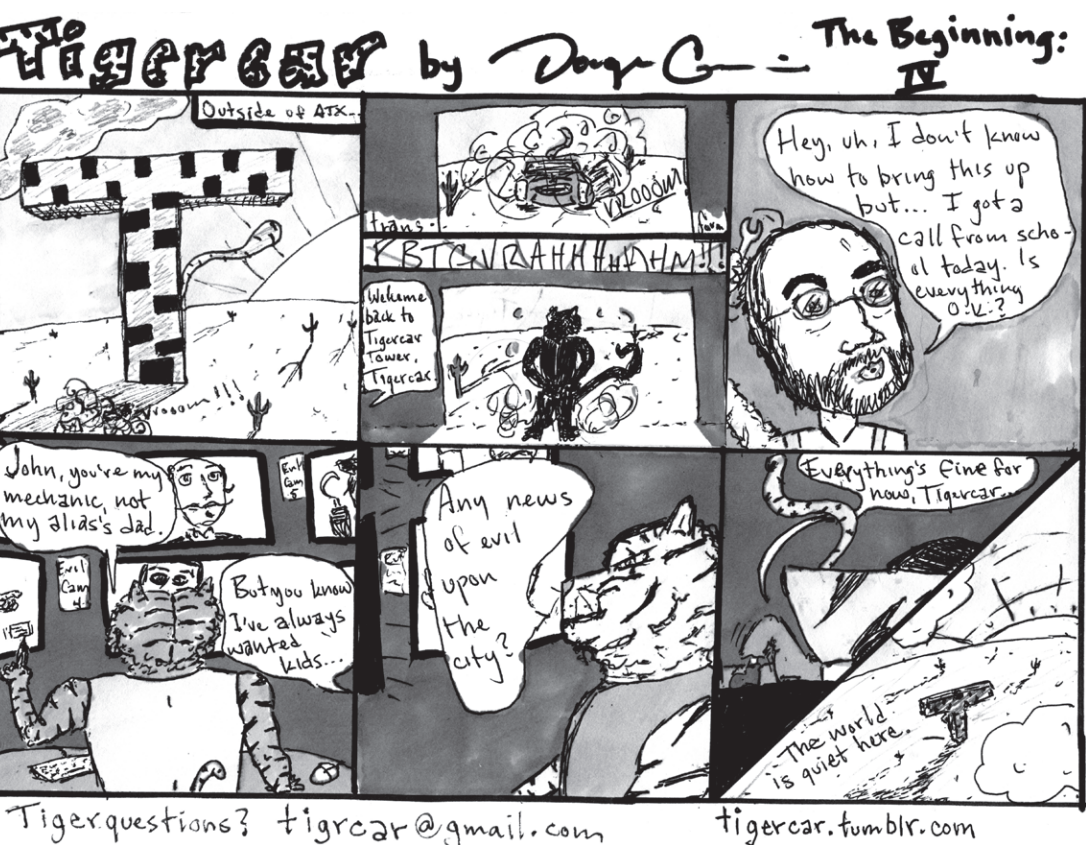
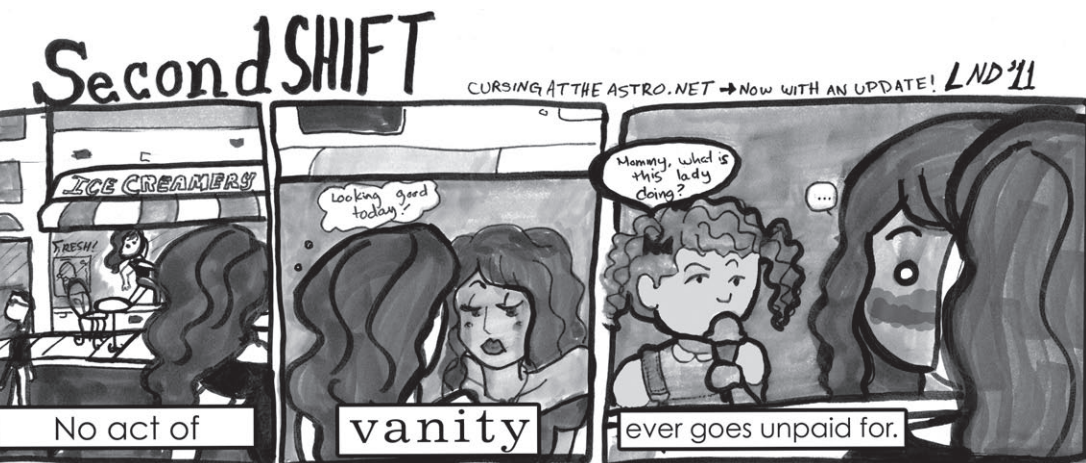
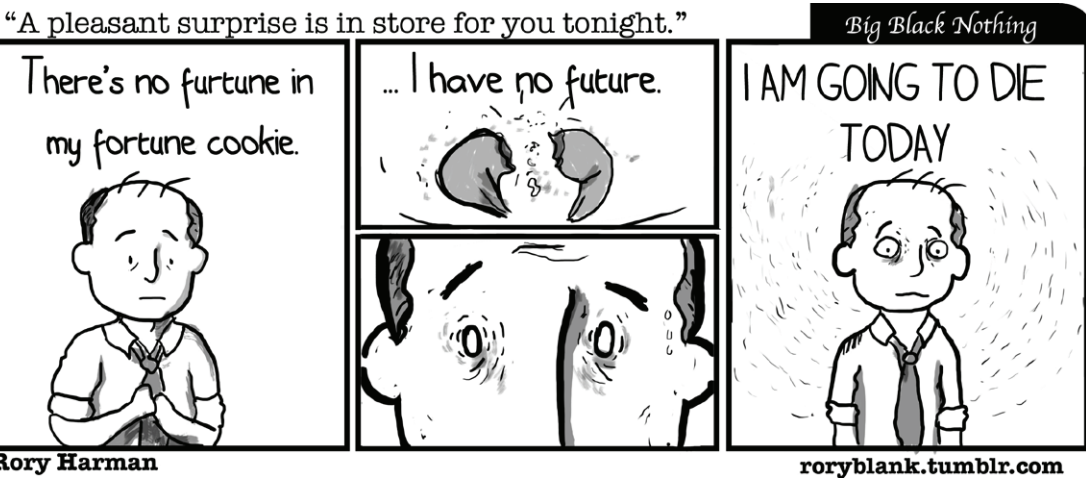
The Board Fellows program is equally beneficial to all involved. The nonprofit organizations receive pro-bono consulting, new business perspectives, training for the next generation of board members and access to the McCombs network. The program now serves twenty-three local nonprofits including the Austin Symphony Orchestra, KIPP Austin Public School, Sustainable Food Center and the United Way Capital Area just to name a few. In turn, the MBA students benefit from the program by gaining valuable insight into nonprofit leadership and management. They are also presented with an opportunity to apply the skills they are learning in the classroom in real world applications.

Lauren has proven herself to be a very committed and involved student, one who is truly making a difference both on campus and beyond. She will graduate in May 2011, earning an MBA with a concentration in social enterprise.

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Lauren Blitzer (left) with Council member Jaspreet Pal (right) at the April 1 luncheon for the University Unions Advisory Council.

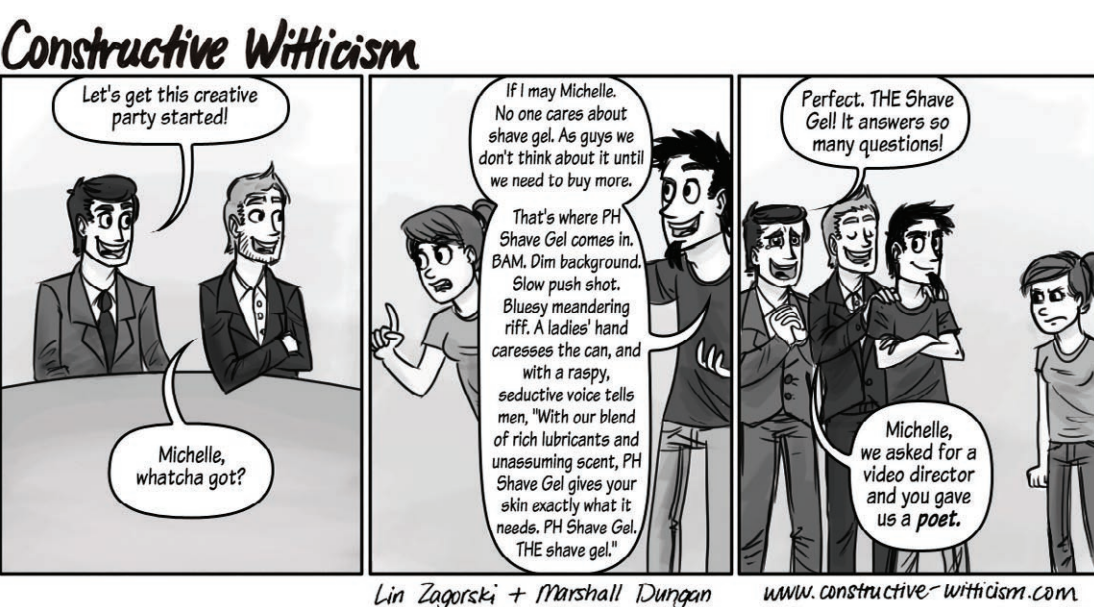
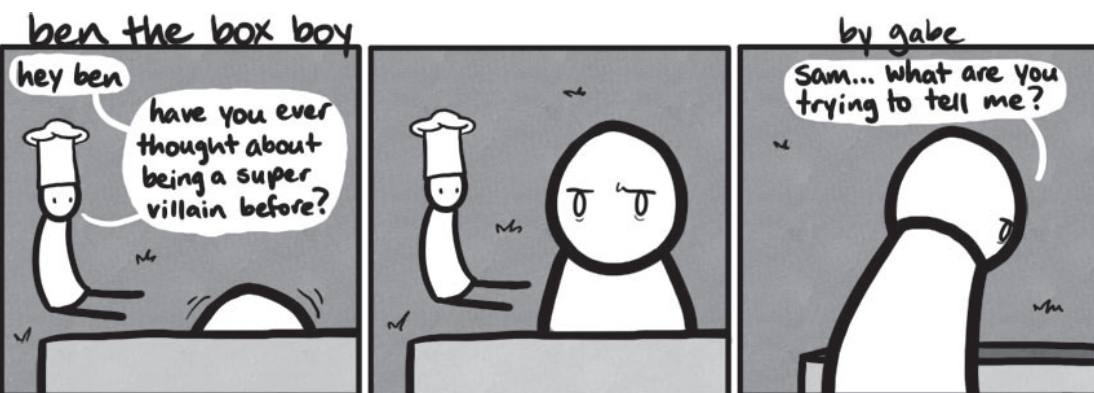


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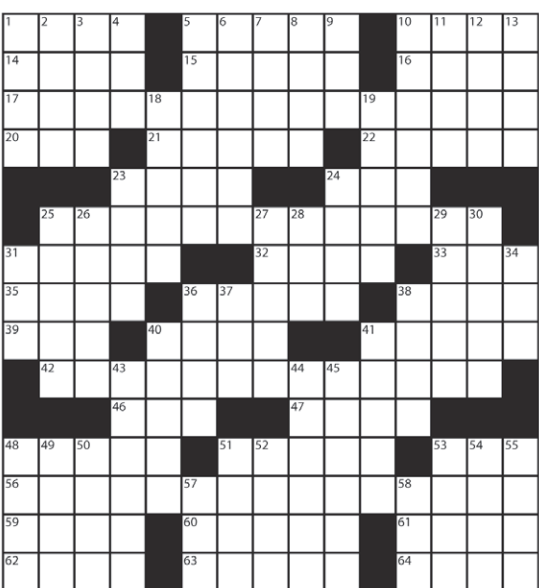
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- 25 "Back to the Future" tagline?
- 31 Tapenade ingredient
- 32 Actor/composer Novello
- 33 Truckload
- 35 Cat's tongue?
- 36 Bailiwicks
- 38 Dreyfus defender
- 39 Band of geishas?
- 41 Have a cow
- 42 "Titanic" tagline?
- 46 Archaic
- 47 Bumps hard
- 48 Like the Aramco oil company
- 51 Teem
- 53 Geller with a spoon-bending act
- 56 "Return of the Jedi" tagline?
- 59 Pitcher-turned-sportscaster Hershisier
- 60 Grammatically dissect
- 61 Marlon's "On the Waterfront" director
- Down**
- 1 March Madness org.
- 2 "Carmina Burana" composer
- 3 Down-to-earth
- 4 Cousteau's milieu
- 5 Power failure
- 6 Sawed logs, so to speak
- 7 Big do
- 8 Gung-ho
- 9 Naval V.I.P.: Abbr.
- 10 G.M. brand discontinued in 2010
- 11 "Dancing Queen" group
- 12 Dregs
- 13 Slips up
- 18 Inscription on a Wonderland cake
- 19 Swiss who pioneered in graph theory
- 23 Bxe5 or 0-0-0, in chess
- 24 Corp. money execs
- 25 What an accused perpetrator needs
- 26 Palindromic car name
- 27 Triangular traffic sign
- 28 They travel down fallopian tubes
- 29 Bikini, for one
- 30 Figure out

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- 31 Spanish eye
- 34 "No way, laddie!"
- 36 Fired
- 37 "Michael Collins" actor
- 38 Microwaves
- 40 Ignore the cue cards, say
- 41 Short stop?
- 43 Mountain airs
- 44 Purpose of an ode
- 45 Like most runs, in baseball
- 48 Person who uses a sleeve for a napkin, say
- 49 Je ne sais quoi
- 50 Strings at luau
- 51 E-mail from a Nigerian prince, probably
- 52 Cincinnati sitcom station
- 53 Aptly named fruit
- 54 It may hold your horses
- 55 Mesopotamia, today
- 57 Kwik-E-Mart owner on "The Simpsons"
- 58 I.B.M. competitor
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Jingle all the Way

Austin transplant discovers joy, mixes elements of city in witty word compositions

By Ao Meng
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Wiccit Cote is a self-proclaimed weirdo, but according to Wiccit, who prefers to be known by his first name, a weirdo is what it's going to take to launch a jingle empire in Austin.

Wiccit, a pop musician who moved to Austin from Los Angeles two years ago, considers himself someone who comes to conclusions that most people wouldn't. Upon arriving in Texas, he recognized the elements that make Austin the city that it is and acted accordingly: He started writing jingles.

"There are three major elements that are Austin," Wiccit said. "Music, mom and pops — local businesses — and weirdos. There's a product that comes out of mixing the elements together. Together you get a jingle. The right weirdo just had to come around and figure it out. And that's me."

Nicknamed by his best friend Goose after an Ewok from Star Wars, Wiccit is "like no one else [Goose] has ever met." He has blonde hair that goes past his shoulders, a rigid face that's frequently smeared with glitter, an arsenal of baggy, flared jeans, brightly colored sleeveless shirts and a fluty voice that as soon as you hear it, you know who it belongs to. He has carried around the same plastic Ewok toy — his namesake, actually — for 14 years. Wiccit is now 30.

Wiccit believes that his look is what local business owners expect when they meet the guy who promises the jingle he can write for them will be a hit.

"I go in as me, mostly," Wiccit said. "Because who the fuck else would you expect to be the guy to write your jingle? If I rolled up in a suit and tie you wouldn't believe me. I mean, I look like a fucking jingle writer."

Wiccit wrote his first jingle out of gratitude. When he moved to Austin, he was struggling to pay for medical insurance until he found Health Alliance for Austin Musicians. The alliance, which helps local musicians afford health insurance, gave him a hand. In return, Wiccit wrote them a jingle.

"They loved it," Wiccit said. "It was everything they wanted."

Jingles don't just grow on trees. They can last anywhere from 30 to



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Jingle writer Wiccit Cote plays his Mountain Dulcimer at his home in west campus Tuesday afternoon. Cote has been writing jingles professionally for one and a half years, and some of his clients include Kerbey Lane and the Health Alliance for Austin Musicians.

90 seconds — not a lot of time to drill a lot of important information coupled with an unforgettable tune into a listener's head. This is why Wiccit said writing a jingle requires a skilled songwriter.

"I was guided by the fact that I knew it was something that I could do," Wiccit said. "A jingle is like a cousin to a pop tune, but it's inside out."

According to Wiccit, the difference between a pop song and a jingle is the difference between three minutes — an average song length — and three notes.

"N B C," Wiccit sang. "You only need to hear it once. How can it get any more concise than that?"

When Wiccit writes and records a

jingle, either solo or with a band, he makes it a priority to dig deep into the business he's writing it for so that

'sound-alike' thing they're shooting for," Wiccit said. "For Kerbey [Lane], they wanted it to be upbeat, mild-

"A jingle is like a cousin to a pop tune, but it's inside out."

— Wiccit Cote, Jingle writer

he can figure out what information he needs to include in the jingle. Since his start in Austin, Wiccit has written for local businesses such as Kerbey Lane and Uncommon Objects.

"Clients usually have a kind of

edgy and most importantly, have a universal appeal. You know, all ages, that kind of thing."

He insists that a jingle isn't what it used to be. They're no longer limited to radio or television commercials.

"I get the same thing from every single person," Wiccit said. "We rely on word of mouth solely as our one form of advertisement. So we won't be needing a jingle. And I'm like, 'Did I say advertisement? You don't need an ad. You need a jingle.'"

The resistance has led Wiccit to adapt new methods to sell his jingles. Whereas before he would approach the businesses before he had created a jingle and try to market his services, now he has begun to create the jingles first and show potential buyers what he can offer them up front. This business model hasn't seen success yet.

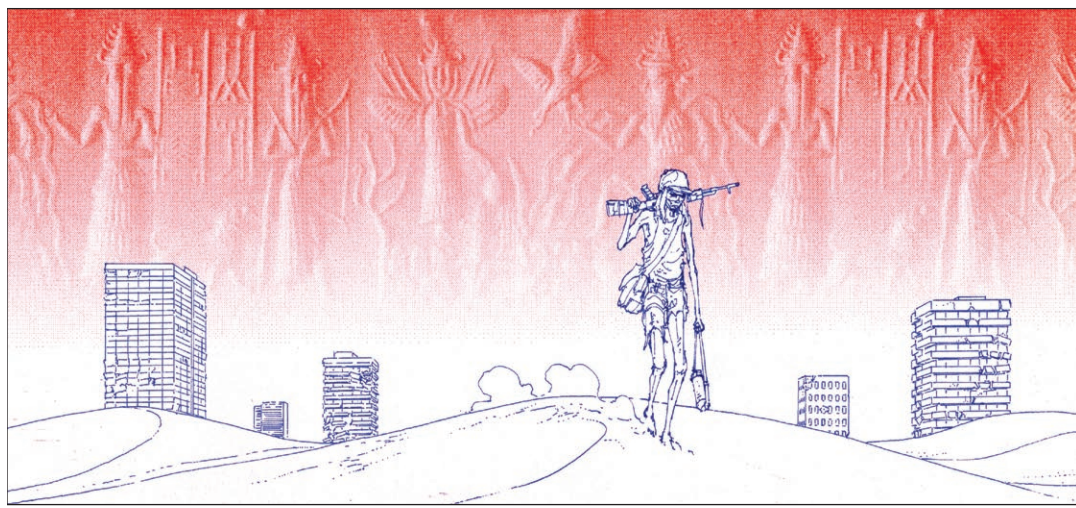
Take Amy's Ice Creams. Wiccit pre-emptively wrote a jingle that he was sure was golden, a winner. They didn't go for it, however.

Wiccit hasn't let the setbacks stop him. He modified the jingle that Amy's Ice Creams rejected to fit two different stores, and he has a stack of business cards for places that he wants to write jingles for next, including Torchy's Tacos and Toy Joy.

Wiccit is confident in his jingle-creating abilities. He's just waiting for other people to know what he knows.

"There are people that need a jingle, and eventually they'll know who I am and trust the fact that I'm going to deliver," Wiccit said. "Everyone wants a jingle, they just don't know it yet. I will knock their socks off, guaranteed. There's no way I can't."

COMIC REVIEW



Courtesy of Mould Map # 1

"Mould Map #1," printed in orange and blue, allows each of its 15 artists just one page to display their work.

'Map' offers eclectic sampler of comics

By Aaron West
Daily Texan Staff

The editors' expressed goal with the "Mould Map" series was to create some sort of introductory anthology into the art-comics medium ("New Comics and Narrative Art!" proclaims the back cover) — it certainly feels like a substantial sampler plate.

"Mould Map #1" is the consummate coffee table experience. Each of the issue's 15 artists gets only one page to do their thing.

"Mould Map" is printed in two colors, forsaking the traditional black-and-tone for a cool blue and florescent highlighter orange. The unifying theme — the editors say that there is going to be a new one every issue — seems to be broken-down science fiction. It's less "Battlestar Galactica" or "Lost" and more creepy robots, freakish aliens and mutant snake-men.

Aside from all of the predictably awesome work from American artists such as C.E. ("Powr Mastrs," a man

air-drops into an alien landscape), Aidan Koch ("The Whale," an impressionistic story of an alien abduction survivor) and Matthew Thurber ("1-800-MICE," a sex-slave robot quits her boring job to work as a courier who becomes well-adjusted).

"Mould Map's" most interesting strip comes from Jonathan Chandler, "Be Everything You Can Be," a glorious riot of a two-panel strip. The comic is drawn in a loose sketchy style reminiscent of doodles in a middle school composition notebook. When reproduced in "Mould Map's" 80's sci-fi blue, it looks like the product of an empty afternoon and a gel pen. It's war in a techno-dystopian future — wounded soldiers are collapsed in a crumbling, dry-hot urban environment.

The second panel depicts a lone soldier marching bravely and determinedly forward. You can almost hear the knock-off Ennio Morricone music jaunting along as the haggard figure approaches what looks

Mould Map # 1
Edited by Hugh Frost

Genre: Speculative Fiction
Pages: 16, two-color
For those who like: Phillip K. Dick, Fantastic

Grade: B

to be stage lights growing out of the ground, each pointed at a crudely propped up cut-out silhouette of an unknowable alien being.

The end result is hilarious, heartwarming and delirious, in addition to silly, adventurous and spiritual.

"Mould Map #1" was printed in a limited edition of 1,000 copies, but you can get a copy online from American distributor Picturebox at pictureboxinc.com or directly from the British publishers atlandfilleditions.com.

GAME REVIEW

Third outing in popular series a letdown for dedicated fans

By Allistair Pinsof
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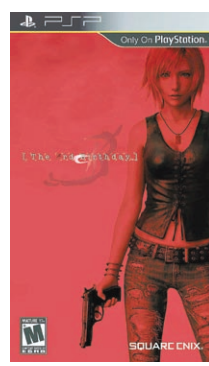
Heroine of "The 3rd Birthday," Aya Brea — last seen in 2000's "Parasite Eve II" — has been the main focus of the project since the game's announcement in 2008. For this portable sequel on the Sony PSP, her salacious walk animation and color of undergarments were carefully designed by the development team at Square Enix, said art director Isaumu Kamikokuryo in an interview with Famitsu.com last year.

If only the rest of the game was given the same attention to detail.

The original "Parasite Eve," released in 1998 by Squaresoft (before the 2003 merger with Enix), sandwiched the horror and adventure elements of "Resident Evil" (1996) with the strategic depth of Squaresoft's "Final Fantasy" series. The game didn't reach the popularity of either franchise but gained a cult following who have been clamoring for the long-awaited release of "The 3rd Birthday."

While it's unclear if the name change is because of copyright issues ("Parasite Eve" was originally a novel), it is clear that "The 3rd Birthday" was developed without any respect to its previous sequels or fan base. Connections to previous titles are strictly story-related and superficial at best.

The "Final Fantasy"-esque combat of previous titles is replaced by grander, fast-paced encounters that feel much different.



The 3rd Birthday
Square Emix

Genre: Third-Person Shooter, Role Playing games
Platform: PSP
For those who like: "Valkyra Chronicles," "Crisis Core: Final Fantasy VII" and "Final Fantasy XIII"

Grade: C

The game lets you lock-on to opponents so aiming is never an issue. The challenge, instead, comes from dodging and applying the "Overdrive" mechanic, which is a machine that lets Aya jump into any soldier's body on the combat field. She can also direct her allies' fire, jump into an enemy's body for extra damage and enter "Liberation" mode which increases her firepower in addition to other benefits.

When the camera and ally A.I. don't get in the way of things, the combat can be a unique, enjoyable experience that plays to Japan's obsession with lengthy boss encounters (see: "Monster Hunter") without alienating western players interested in playing a cover-based shooter.

Like so much of "The 3rd Birthday," including the game's impenetrable DNA board system that lets players improve abilities, its story is convoluted nonsense even to fans of the series. Past entries,

while more ambitious than the average horror title, maintained an elegance in their plotlines and kept Aya Brea as strong female lead. Here, she has been reduced to shower scenes and angst-ridden monologues. Her clothes tearing off in combat is silly, but even more so when the game transitions into a scene of her discussing strategic engagement with outfitted military officers. It's hard to buy that Aya acts and looks half the age she is supposed to be (40), but that's really the least of the game's problems.

If you can overlook the story and convoluted design, you'll find a fun, short game with a bit more strategic depth than the average third-person shooter. The problem is that you won't be looking for that if you are a "Parasite Eve" fan, and Aya's revamped booty and black panties can only transfix for so long. Perhaps Square Enix expected as much — otherwise why include unlockable nurse and naughty Santa outfits?